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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HERMES TO WASHINGTON

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION SEPT 11 WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL
MINISTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERMES IN FOREIGN OFFICE
SAID THAT HE WANTS TO DISCUSS OFFSET, COCOM RESTRICTIONS
ON DELIVERY OF FRG NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TO USSR AND
POLICY CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY
TO THRESHOLD COUNTRIES SUCH AS ALGERIA, IRAN AND
BRAZIL, WITH DEPT OFFICIALS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON
FOR ANNUAL IMF/IBRD MEETING. HERMES IS ASKING FRG
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EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

2. OFFSET: HERMES WANTS TO TAKE UP PROBLEMS OF DELIVERY AS WELL AS PRICE CONCERNING URANIUM ENRICHMENT. ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SCIENCE PROJECTS PLANNED BY FRG. HE TOOK STRONG ISSUE WITH HERMES ON QUESTION OF ADDITIONALITY, REMINDING HIM THAT THIS HAD ALWAYS BEEN A SINE QUA NON FOR INCLUSION OF CIVIL PROJECTS IN OFFSET.

3. COCOM: IN ADDITION TO HERMES INITIATIVE, FRG MAY ALSO RAISE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ISSUE IN PARIS AT THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GERMAN CONSORTIUM, KRAFTWERKUNION AND THE USSR OVER CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT MIGHT BEGIN THIS FALL, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT WE CAN EXPECT SUCH A GERMAN INITIATIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF COCOM CRITERIA IN THIS CASE ARE CONTAINED IN STATE 90577 DATED MAY 11, 1973. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THIS CONTINUES TO BE THE USG POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND IF WE SHOULD DRAW ON IT IF ASKED. WE DID NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY DISCUSS THESE POINTS WITH HERMES OR OTHER FRG OFFICIALS IN DETAIL. IN ADDITION, WE ORIGINALLY EXPECTED THE GERMANS TO SOLICIT USG VIEWS ON THIS PLANT IN TERMS OF OUR BERLIN RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE ELECTRICAL POWER FROM THIS PLANT IS TO BE DELIVERED TO BERLIN. WHILE HERMES GENERALIZED THE SOVIET ISSUE AND DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION BERLIN, IT IS POSSIBLE HE WILL SOLICIT OUR COMMENTS AS A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR VIEWS CONTAINED IN BERLIN 716 AND STATE 106569. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE GERMANS MAY RAISE THIS QUESTION WITH OUR UK AND FRENCH ALLIES ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT THIS HAS YET OCCURRED.

4. MTN: ECON/COMMERCIAL MIN SUGGESTED THAT HERMES MIGHT ALSO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR MTN WITH KEY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. HERMES AGREED, NOTING THAT MTN WAS STILL IMPORTANT AS MEANS FOR HOLDING LINE ON PRESENT LEVEL
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OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION, EVEN THOUGH ORIGINAL PRIORITY GIVEN TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN ECLIPSED BY IMPACT OF ENERGY SITUATION ON PAYMENTS BALANCES.

5. COMMENT. SINCE HERMES WILL HAVE A MAJOR INPUT INTO FRG POLICY FORMULATION ON THESE ISSUES, WE HOPE THAT APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR HIM. ON MTN, RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR EBERLE OR MALMGREN

SEE HERMES TO REVIEW PROSPECTS FOR MTN AND TO REITERATE
UNDERLYING IMPORTANCE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ALL
MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES.
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